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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO MEETING ON EN-
VIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, TBILISI, OCTOBER 14-26, 1977

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ISRAELI EMBASSY OF
THEIR UNDERSTANDING (FROM UNNAMED SOURCES) THAT SOVIETS MAY
REFUSE VISAS TO ISRAELI DELEGATION TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE IN
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TBILISI. ISRAELIS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT, IF THIS WERE TRUE,
U.S. WOULD TAKE STRONG ISSUE WITH USSR, INCLUDING INSISTING
IF NECESSARY ON CHANGE OF CONFERENCE VENUE AT U.N. ENVIRON-
MENTAL PROGRAM GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING IN NAIROBI (MAY 9-
25). ISRAELI EMBASSY NOTED (CORRECTLY) THAT STANDARD
UNESCO-HOST COUNTRY PRACTICE IS TO ADMIT ALL MEMBER STATE
DELEGATIONS TO CONFERENCES HELD UNDER UNESCO AUSPICES.

2. PERMDEL IS REQUESTED TO MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES OF SECRETARIAT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER SOVIETS HAVE IN ANY WAY INDICATED THAT THEY MIGHT DENY VISAS TO ISRAELI DELEGATION TO TBILISI CONFERENCE. ISRAELI PERMDEL MIGHT ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. PERMDEL MAY MAKE CLEAR TO SECRETARIAT THAT WE WOULD STRONGLY OBJECT TO ANY ATTEMPT TO CONTRAVENE RIGHT OF UNESCO MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCES HELD UNDER UNESCO AUSPICES. IF ISSUE ARISES, WE WOULD EXPECT SECRETARIAT TO UPHOLD THIS PRINCIPLE UNEQUIVOCALLY.

3. SINCE HARD INFORMATION IS LACKING ON SOVIET INTENTIONS, PERMDEL'S EFFORTS AT THIS POINT SHOULD FOCUS ON DISCREET EFFORTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ISRAELI MISGIVINGS ARE JUSTIFIED.

4. FOR NAIROBI: ANY INFORMATION THAT UNEP PERMREP MAY BE ABLE TO ELICIT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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